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TO:	All Permit Holders and Event Organizers
CC:	Permitting & Reservation Staff
FROM:	Rebecca Bombero, Deputy CAO
DATE:	February 24, 2021
RE:	COVID-19 & City of New Haven Events and Permit Guidelines and Cancelations

On March 10, 2020 Governor issued a **Civil Preparedness and Public Health Emergency Declaration**, which was extended on September 1st to last until February 9, 2021 unless earlier terminated, however, it is anticipated that either by executive order or an act of the legislature that COVID restrictions will continue well into 2021. The City of New Haven will continue reviewing permits in accordance with the current sector guidance and local health conditions. While applicants may reserve dates, no permits will be issued until events are in line with existing or announced guidance.

The state sector guidance shall be the maximum flexibility allowed at any given time. As we continue to monitor the relevant health indicators the City may again revoke permits at any time in the interest of public health and public safety.

The following orders remain in effect as extended by [Executive Order 9K](#) and shall be in place through the duration of the public health emergency unless otherwise modified:

Order or Sector Guidance	Establishes
Governor's Executive Order 7ZZ	Codifies DECD rules for reopening as thresholds for gatherings. Phase 2.1 guidance issued November 6th sets thresholds to 10 for indoor or outdoor at private at residences, 25 for indoor private gatherings at venues and 50 for outdoor at venues. Social distancing and mask wearing is required. Effective March 19 th , 2021: Up to 50% of capacity indoors capped at 100 people, outdoor cap of 200 people.
Outdoor Events	Establishes the sector rules and requirements including but not limited to mask use, cleaning, attendance tracing, health and safety plans.
Sports	Anticipate updated guidance for spring sports in early March. Youth & Recreation will host a webinar with New Haven Public School Athletics when the information is available.
Governor's Executive order 9B	Establishes \$500 fine for organizers and \$250 fine for attendees of events that violate EO 7ZZ

NEW APPLICANTS

Events and gatherings that meet the criteria as established in the above orders and/or any subsequent sector guidance may apply for a permit which shall include a narrative to demonstrate compliance including:

- a plan for registration or a sign-in component to track participants;
- a plan for sanitation/cleanliness to prevent the spread of germs;
- a plan to make available face coverings for those who do not have them;
- and efforts to ensure social distancing
- Compliance with [NFHS](#) and DPH recommendations for sports, all leagues will be required to attend a March webinar on health and safety. Please contact the Youth and Recreation Department for details

Please allow at least two weeks to review your application. As we continue to monitor the relevant health indicators the City may again revoke permits in the interest of public health and public safety.

Events that do not meet existing guidance may reserve a date, but permits will not be issued until/unless the event comes in line with existing guidance.

We understand that for large scale events a considerable amount of time, planning and expenditures occur. As guidance is updated frequently, we recommend that you visit the CDC guidance as it relates to planning an event <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/index.html> and;

- 1) Evaluate your planning needs and determine how far prior to your event you need to make a decision on whether to hold your event and communicate that date to the City so that we can offer you guidance as appropriate based upon the current public health and sector guidance.
- 2) Start gathering participant data, develop communication protocols and establish plans to help mitigate any potential impacts on the event.
- 3) Please be aware that based upon CDC guidance and the current conditions, more requirements may be imposed for events going forward, which may include those recommendations in the CDC guidance, including, but not limited to, additional hand washing stations, cleaning protocols and increased police and fire/EMS requirements.

For questions or reviews please contact:

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